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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS,
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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum. on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, August 28, 1886.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3*½* per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the person so attending the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, June 7, 1886.

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

We have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to sign Bills of Lading in our name from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, November 20, 1886.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA REGATTA CLUB request the pleasure of the COMPANY of the LADIES of HONGKONG on board the FLAGSHIP at the Regatta to be held on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 16th, 17th and 18th Instant.

SUBSCRIBERS to the REGATTA can obtain Tickets of Admission to the FLAGSHIP on application to R. T. WRIGHT, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 11, 1886.

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REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transactions of Public Business, at Noon, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 16th, 17th and 18th Instant.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China.

R. SYMES,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

A. C. MARSHALL,
Sub-Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

J. H. WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,
O. C. INGHBALD, Agent.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 10, 1886.

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Business Notices.

CHRISTMAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
ARE NOW MAKING THEIR ANNUAL SHOW OF
NOVELTIES
IN
FANCY GOODS
SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

This Year's ASSORTMENT has been carefully Selected, from the Leading LONDON and PARIS HOUSES, and is the FINEST COLLECTION EVER SEEN IN HONGKONG.

of all Kinds both USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL, and all of the Best Money Value,
COMPRISED—

FANCY CHINA ORNAMENTS,
THE NEWEST TABLE DECORATIONS,

TABLE LAMPS WITH FANCY VASES,

MENU AND NAME TABLETS,

FLOWER BASKETS AND BOWLS.

INLAID AND CARVED ONYX WARE

CABINET FRAMES, TOILET SETS, INKSTANDS and PAPER KNIVES,
"TANTALUS" LOCK-UP SPIRIT FRAMES and PERFUME STANDS,
DOULTON WARE, ORCHID WARE, IVORY WARE,
DRESDEN WARE and ARTISTIC GLASS WARE.

Painted Mirror Cheval Screens in Brass Frames.
Painted Mirror Panels in Plush Frames.

ROSE PAINTED CHINA,
PASSION FLOWER CHINA,
FLORAL-FRAMED TABLE MIRRORS,
NEW CRYSTAL ICE BOWLS.

CUT GLASS PERFUME BOTTLES,
PRETTY STATUETTES,
CIGAR CABINETS,
FANCY TABLE BELLS.

ARTISTIC EMBOSSED LEATHER

IN A VARIETY OF USEFUL LITTLE PRESENTS, ALSO IN—

MOROCCO, RUSSIAN, PERSIAN, IVORY LEATHER,
ANTIQUES LEATHER AND PLUSH.

CIGAR AND CIGARETTE CASES,
PHOTOGRAPH AND SCRAP ALBUMS.

TABLE PORTFOLIO STANDS,
TOURIST AND BOUDOIR WRITING CASES.

DAVENPORT BLOTTING PADS,
NOTE-CASES AND POCKET BOOKS.

FITTED WORK COMPANIONS,
CARD CASES AND TABLETS.

LADIES' FANCY STATIONERY.

POCKET PENCILS AND WATCH CHAINS. OPERA GLASSES.

NEW LAMP SHADES. PAINTED PHOTOGRAPHS.

BOOK SLIDES. PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS.

The Newest Cabinet Photo-Frames.

A LARGE VARIETY OF

PRAYER BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS AND CHURCH SERVICES.

—Also—

HANDSOMELY BOUND PRESENTATION BOOKS,

for Children or Adults.

SMOKERS' SUNDRIES,

TOBACCO POUCHES. CIGAR CUTTERS.

TOBACCO JARS. CIGAR LIGHTERS.

Silver-Mounted Briar and Meerschaum Pipes.

CIGAR AND CIGARETTE HOLDERS IN CASES.

THE MANILAS.

(THE FINEST CIGAR possible to procure, in perfect condition.)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS.

AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, including many Novelties and all of guaranteed First Class quality.—LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. beg to call special attention to this department:

it is well worth a visit, and cannot be equalled by any

other House in China or Japan.

FANCY UPHOLSTERY AND FURNISHING DRAPERY. Ladies intending to purchase some useful presents should pay a visit to this department; all the new WINTER NOVELTIES have arrived and are well worthy of inspection.

PRESENTATION LAWN TENNIS SETS.
IN-DOOR GAMES.

NEW SONGS & DANCE MUSIC.

PRESENTS FOR THE YOUNGSTERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 9, 1886.

See advertisements in the other local papers.

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Business Notices.

W. POWELL & Co.

Fur Department.

One of the Largest and Best ASSORTED STOCKS in the East.
MUFFS, COLLARLETS, MANTLES, JACKETS, SETS, TRIMMINGS, TIES,
etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

MADE OF—SEA, RACCOON, MINK, CHINCHILLA, LYNX, GOAT, OPOSSUM,
HARE, RABBIT, FOX, &c., &c., &c.

BLACK RABBIT TRIMMINGS, all widths; WHITE SWANSDOWN TRIMMINGS, FEATHER

TRIMMINGS and COLLARLETS, &c., &c., &c.

FUR LINED CLOAKS, FUR LINED KID GLOVES, REAL SEALSKINS, MINK BAGS, &c., &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

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VICTORIA EXCHANGE, November 23, 1886.

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THE Bon MARCHE.

(ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE TRADES)

ADJOINING THE STAG HOTEL (NEXT DOOR).

CONSISTING OF A STOCK OF FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES,

At Cash Price and for Cash only.

PIPS, TOBACCO, CIGARS, WATCHES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

BOOKS, NOVELS, LEATHER GOODS,

CLOOKS, and a varied Stock of Fancy GOODS of all kinds

BON MARCHE, next door to THE STAG HOTEL.

Hongkong, September 8, 1886.

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ROBERT LANG & Co., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters, QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

ARE SHOWING

A CHOICE SELECTION OF

OVER COATINGS,

to which they INVITE the attention of

their Customers.

SPECIALTY

Superfine Black Cloth Dress Suit, \$30.00.

Hongkong, December 1, 1886.

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Victoria Hotel, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated front of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal HOTELS in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1886.

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KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., HAVE RECEIVED

CHRISTMAS NUMBER "ILLUSTRATED NEWS," containing a

Auctions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of KWOK YING SHEW and TSUI TZU HI, Bankrupts.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OR VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

situate in WING LOK STREET, Victoria, Hongkong.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY,

the 14th day of December, 1886, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Premises,—

By Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

ALL THOSE PIECES OF PARCELS OF GROUND,

Situate lying and being at Victoria, known and registered in the LAND OFFICE as Sections B and F of MARINE LOT No. 1. Together with the MES-SUAGES, ERECTIONS, and BUILDINGS thereon. The Premises are held for the residue of the term of 999 years created by an Indenture of Crown Lease of the whole of Marine Lot No.

1. Subject to the proportion of Crown Rent and subject also to an Indenture of Mortgage on the whole of Marine Lot No. 1 to secure \$100,000, of which \$35,000 only is now due, and which is secured upon the Sections now offered for Sale and upon Section D. It is believed that the Mortgages will discharge the Property upon payment of the principal sum of \$24,000.

For Particulars of the Properties, and Conditions of Sale, apply to

C. EWENS,
Solicitor,
No. 45, Queen's Road,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 9, 1886. 2339

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Mr. G. R. LAMMERT has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY,

the 23d day of December, 1886, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Premises,—

A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

Situate in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, being Portion of MARINE LOT No. 2, abutting on the North side thereof on Marine Lots Nos. 20 and 22, and measuring thereon 124 feet by 111 feet, and containing 13,525 square feet, or thereabouts, on the South side thereof on Queen's Road, and measuring thereon 121 feet and 5 inches or thereabouts, on the East side thereof on other portions of the said Marine Lot No. 2 and measuring thereon respectively 86 feet and 7 inches and 23 feet or thereabouts, and on the West side thereof on Marine Lot No. 3 and measuring thereon 111 feet or thereabouts, which said Premises contain an Area of 13,525 square feet, and are intended to be registered in the LAND OFFICE as SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 2, and are held for the unexpired residue of a term of 981 years.

The Property will be Sold in One Lot subject to all rights of way and to the Annual Payment of \$235,22, the proportion of Crown Rent payable in respect thereof and is Sold subject to the present Tenant of the Property remaining at their option until the 31st March, 1887, and the Purchaser will not be able to give them Notice to vacate the Premises before that date.

For Plan and further Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to

WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
35, Queen's Road,
Hongkong;

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SEVEN PER CENT. SILVER LOAN 'E,' 1886.

In Terms of Agreement made with His Excellency CHUN YUN and confirmed by the TSUNG-LI YAMEN to the Harris Minister at Peking on the 13th August, 1886.

The Loan is for Kuping Taels 700,000, the equivalent of Taels 767,200, Shanghai Sooee, in Bonds of Shanghai Taels 250 each.

Interest at the rate of Seven per Cent, per Annum, payable half-yearly on 31st March and 30th September.

The First Payment of Interest will be made on 31st March, 1887, and calculated from 15th December, 1886.

The Bonds are redeemable at par by half-yearly drawings up to 31st March, 1917, as per Schedule attached to Prospectus.

Principal and Interest payable at the Shanghai Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and at other Offices of the Bank at the current rates of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai.

With reference to the foregoing the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION invite Tenders for the above Loan until 4 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 10th December, 1886.

No Tender will be entertained under Taels 252.50 for each Bond.

The Amount allotted must be paid in Dollars at Exchange of 72 on or before the 22nd December, 1886, when letters of allotment will be exchanged for Bonds to Bearers.

Prospectus and Form of Tender can be obtained on application at the Bank.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan,

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 24, 1886. 2330

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS
OF THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI, LIMITED.CAPITAL.....Tls. 1,000,000
in 10,000 Shares of Tls. 100 each,
PAID-UP CAPITAL Tls. 250,000.

(It being intended to call up only Tls. 25 per Share, of which Tls. 10 is to be paid on application, and Tls. 15 on allotment.)

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE,
F. D. BUSH, Esq.,
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.)

(Agent: MESSAGERS MARITIMES).

A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq.,
(Manager, CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, &c.)C. JANTZEN, Esq.,
(Messrs. MEICHERS & Co.)H. LESTER, Esq.,
(SUNG ROAD.)H. J. SUOH, Esq.,
(Messrs. W. HEWITT & Co.)BANKERS:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Secretary: ISAAC HUGHES, Esq.

Solicitors: MESSRS. WOTTON & DEACON.

Auditors: MESSRS. G. S. COXON AND T. L. ROSE.

Irish 'bull' can scarcely be accepted as a sufficient explanation. At all events, we know that the Memorandum referred to by Dr Hartigan, and enclosed by him to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board, was not the same document as that which is here put forward to do duty as such. Indeed, if we are rightly informed, the earlier memorandum threw the responsibility of the alleged insanitary state of the Convict or Convent upon the Government, as certain repairs and improvements which had previously been made had been effected under governmental sanction and supervision. It is not our business to state who is credited with having suppressed this document; or even to suspect that it may have been withdrawn by the writer in favour of the later document. If all be fair and above-board—as we feel that the Acting Governor would wish everything official to be—Why has Memorandum been put forward by the Government which is not the document really referred to? That is the question which people are now asking. Surely the straightest road is the shortest road, and Mr Marsh and Dr Stewart possess the reputation for the most rigid straightforwardness. Where, then, lies the necessity for such peculiar modes of action? There can be no doubt that it is very appalling to hide by such tactics; and it is certain that but little can possibly be gained either by the non-publication of hand-written official reports or the deliberate suppression of Memoranda by honest and reverend gentlemen.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.]

(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, 10th Dec., 1886.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

England declines the French proposals for the neutralization of the Suez Canal, but accepts an international character on the basis of the free transit of commerce.

PORT TAKING.

England agrees to cede Port Hamilton when China is prepared to take it over and China engages not to allow any other power to annex it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD ROUND.—*Sazafi*, September 28; *Deepdale*, Oct. 26; *Skenor*, *Pandora*, Nov. 12; *Tetnachis*, 19; *Patroclia*, *Yangtsé*, *Vespuccia*, 26; *Bengal*, *Berne*, *Glenoe*, *Telamon*, *Cassandra*, 30; *Japan*, *Glengyle*, Dec. 7.

HOWARD ROUND.—*Hare*, November 16; *Oxfordshire*, 19; *Gloucester*, 23; *Port Adelaide*, *Massilia*, 26; *Harter*, *Westmead*, *Titan*, 30; *Brutus*, *Glenroy*, *Chingoo*, *Eggen*, *Antone*, Dec. 3; *Agamemnon*, *Amphitrite*, *Glenfield*, 7.

THE NEXT FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. Co.'s steamer *Anzio*, is to leave Saigon for this port on the 9th instant, at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or before Monday, the 13th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on September 24th.

The S. S. *Kaiser-Hind*, with the English Mail of Nov. 12th, left Singapore on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 17th instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on September 30th.

The N. G. I. steamer *R. Baldwin* left Singapore on the 28th Nov., at 3.30 p.m., and is now due.

The D. R. steamer *Lydia* left Singapore on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The Union Line steamer *Tetaros* left Singapore on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The steamship *Tuscan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 6th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst.

The steamship *Bentall*, from Leith and London, left Singapore on the 6th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 14th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Priam*, from London, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The Glen Line steamship *Glengyle*, from London, left Singapore on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

The French frigate *Turenne*, Captain Dupuis, arrived here from Kobe yesterday.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the Glen Line steamer *Glengyle*, from London, left Singapore yesterday, (Sunday) the 12th instant, for this port.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. informs us that the *Kaiser-Hind*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for Hongkong on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 5 p.m.

We are requested to state that, owing to Thursday next being the first day of the Regatta, Mrs Marsh's usual garden party will not take place this week.

We are requested to state that unless the incoming French Mail be landed before 7 to-morrow morning, it cannot be delivered until after the departure of the *Ara* for Europe.

Der Ostasiatische Lloyd says:—With the arrival of the *Oder* came the very welcome news that from this time forth the agents of the German mail are empowered to receive and despatch mails for the P. & O. as well as for the Messageries Maritimes line.

ACCORDING to a Frankfort journal an extension of the subsidized German mail line is in contemplation. At least it is being considered whether it would be recommendable to establish a line from Aden to Zanzibar or from Colombo to one of the large Indian ports, in which case very probably the Mediterranean line would be abandoned.

The Catholic Register states that the recent bazaar, held under the auspices of the sister of the Abbé de La Sainte Famille, realized about \$1,000. It adds that the sum realized is scarcely enough for the purpose, and the sisters are disposed of the articles not sold by lottery.

The *Chiu-Lu*, a new steamer for the China Steam Navigation Co., arrived here from home under the command of Captain Vardin, this morning. She is built of steel and has twin screws. She is 2,600 tons burthen (gross), 314 feet in length, 38 feet in breadth, and 25 feet in depth; and is supplied by the builders with powerful engines on the triple expansion principle, the cylinders being 25 inches, 40 inches, and 62 inches diameter by 48 inch stroke. The *Chiu-Lu* is the second of four building for the augmentation of the Australia-China branch of the company's service.

ADVANTAGE was taken of the high tide yesterday evening to launch a large steel barge which has been put together on a temporary slip on the premises of the Taikoo Sugar Refining Co. at Quarry Bay. The barge was constructed at home, and brought out in sections, and these were fitted together under the superintendence of Mr. D. Currie, who came out from Portsmouth specially for the purpose. She is 330 feet long, 30 feet broad and 10 feet deep, and of about 550 tons burthen on a draft of 2 feet 9 inches. She looks a substantial and serviceable craft.

EMILIO GINETTI, a sailor on board the Italian barque *Fratelli*, was charged to-day at the Police Court with making a disturbance on board that vessel and threatening the life of the mate. It is said that he refused to work, and that on the captain ordering the mate to put him in irons, he drew his knife and threatened to kill the latter if he approached him. The sailor was ultimately disarmed and handed over to the Police. On the case coming before the Court to-day, the accused objected to the Captain acting as interpreter and requested that the services of the Consul be asked. The trial was adjourned till to-morrow.

EARLY on Sunday morning, the house of a storekeeper hailing from Port Darwin, at No. 201 Queen's Road West, was broken into and two boxes containing clothes and jewellery were stolen. The robbery is supposed to have been committed by three men who lived in the next house, from which they could enter by the verandah into the other. This suspicion was confirmed by the fact that the venetians, which were closed the night before, had been broken and opened. One of the men was observed in the room, and next day Sergeant Duncan went to the adjoining house and discovered that two men were lying on some of the articles that had been stolen. He arrested them, and while in the house he saw a third man come in. This man, who was also secured, was picked out amongst other prisoners by the owner of the goods as being the man he had seen in his house. All three prisoners were charged with burglary at the Police Court to-day, and were committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

LATE on Saturday night the crew of the Kam Cheung Ling junk, registered in Hongkong, reported to the Police that the day previous, i.e. last Friday, while on a voyage between Chik How and Swatow, their junk was pirated, and the cargo, consisting of 99 bundles of mat bags and 3,000 pieces of bean-curd, stolen. The attack took place at Tai Wang about 50 miles from Hongkong. The junk had sailed from Chik How on the 24th ult., and about 7 o'clock last Friday morning while they were off this place, Tai Wang, they were chased by a two-masted junk about 1,000 pixels in capacity. The junk turned out to be a fast-sailing pirate boat, and soon overtook the trading junk. When the pirates got near the stern of the other boat they fired their muskets. The traders returned the fire with their muskets. The pirates then opened fire with their cannons, to which the traders made response by firing three rounds with their cannons. The latter seemed to have got the worst of the battle.

Five or six holes were knocked in the stern of their boat, and to complete their conquest the pirates gave their opponents a shower of stink-pots. They then boarded the trader, firing their muskets. The steersman on board the vessel was shot dead and five seamen were wounded. When the pirates had got possession of the boat they fastened the crew down in the hold and took the junk in tow. They made for Wong Mau, where they cast anchor and transferred the cargo, clothing and money on board the trading junk, to the value of about \$300, into their own. They then cut the rigging of the trading junk and sailed off about seven o'clock on the same evening. After the pirates left, the traders broke open the hold, got their junk rigged out as best they could and sailed for Hongkong, where they arrived on Saturday afternoon. Some of the crew say they can identify some of the pirates, but they do not think they could recognise the junk. The traders as usual did not seek to report the matter to the Chinese Government.

This Northern Territory Times says:—Captain Horan, in his letter to the China Navigation Co. is having four fine large steamers built for the Australian trade. The first of these vessels has been completed, and is under the command of our old friend Captain Williams, formerly of the steamer *Wanpo*, and may be expected to call at Port Darwin before the end of the year.

The Band of the Regiment will play at the Officers Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 7.30.

The entertainment given by the Garrison Lily Minstrels in the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening was a pronounced success, giving the liveliest satisfaction to those for whom it was principally intended, and also affording much amusement and enjoyment to the civilians who were present. The Staffs were filled with soldiers and sailors and the Dogs Circle was well filled with officers and civilians. Colonel Anderson being present the greater part of the evening. The troupe consisted of about dozen, and included an excellent 'bone' (R. Callon), tambo. (W. Green), two banjo-players, and boys' and men's voices. All were dressed in a showy but not an elegant uniform, and presented quite a handsome appearance. As usual, the first part consisted of songs, comic and sentimental, and jokes and conundrums. Some of the songs were very well rendered, especially 'Stars of the Midnight' and 'Down by the deep sea'. The chorus were sung in capital time and harmony, though they sometimes approached a about, and the jokes, if they were not all brilliant, were at least well delivered. One of the latter, in which the hall was compared to a sound chestnut, because there was a good kernel (Colonel) in it, completely 'brought down the house.' In the second part, sentimental songs were varied with character songs and dances, the choruses of which were joined in lustily by most of the audience. The Chinese Farce, with an eccentric dance, was irresistibly comical and was one of the best things of the entertainment. In the sentimental line, Mr Bedford's rendering of 'They Face' was certainly the best, but Mr Stevenson also sang 'Alice,' where art thou,' with a good deal of taste and expression. The entertainment was brought to a close by a clever representation of the laughable character sketch 'The Wigwam'—the hand of the Regiment played at intervals and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The following is the programme:—

In Part
OPENING GROUP... Down the River The Company.
COMIC SONG... Counting in the Moon R. Callon.
BALLAD... Story of the Minstrel R. Callon.
COMIC... Let your voices ring W. Green.
INTERMISSION... Little sister's gone to sleep A. Welsh.
COMIC... Blooming Little Sarah T. Atkins.
BALLAD... Old Sweetheart R. Callon.
INTERMISSION... Close the door softly W. Green.
COMIC... See that my grave W. Green.
WALK ROUND... Hark! Hark! the Trumperets sound The Company.
2ND PART
BALLAD... The old sweethearts E. Stevenson.
BALLAD... The old trencherman W. Green.
BALLAD... The Fair J. Bedford.
COMIC... The Gaffer of the Gang T. Bell.
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BALLAD... I'm a King T. Atkins.
COMIC... Old Mother Gun W. Green.
NIGHT SONG... Wig Makers The Company.
ACCOMPANYISTS... Messrs Goulburn & White.

It is sometimes dangerous for newspaper proprietors to allow their reports of public speeches to be emanated before publication by the speakers themselves. Sometimes it happens that speakers so change the proofs that they are made to appear to exactly the opposite of what they did say. Such a case has just occurred with our morning contemporary. In the instance which we will shortly quote, there may, of course, be a certain amount of justification for having allowed the emanation, because the corrected version probably gives what the speaker means to say and probably what he had no objection to saying. On the other hand, there might possibly be some reason for not saying it, and anyhow it creates confusion. But we will let our readers judge for themselves. On Friday last, the hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor General, in a speech in the Legislative Council, with the view of refuting some criticisms passed by the hon. Mr MacEwan on the action, or inaction, of the Government during the rebellion, said:—

'Yesterday afternoon there was a grand celebration on board the coasting steamer *Piping*, of which Captain Heßemann is commander, the occasion being the completion of one hundred trips to aid from Canton. Crackers and bombs were fired off and in the midst of the hullabaloo, two large silk flags were run up, both being presented by Chinese shipmen. One of the flags was Benjamin's flag for the Aga Bank, and Mr Wainwright did not appear. Mr Wainwright appeared for the Aga Bank, and Mr Latham watched the proceedings on behalf of the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, which is interested in one of the mortgages. Mr R. M. Campbell and Mr Wainwright proved the debt and mortgages, and a decree of foreclosure, in the event of nonpayment, was ordered by Chief Justice Sir R. T. Rennie.

SAYS the *N.-C. D. News* of the 8th instant:—

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THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.

Bright, cheery weather, with promising brilliant sunshine were just the conditions most favourable for starting on a friendly contest, the spirit in which true yachting always enter on such a passage of arms, to strive for the Douglas Challenge Cup on Saturday last over the usual course and with the attendant conditions of twice round the Stake Boat at Macao and finishing at the Starting Point in Castle Peak Bay.

When morning dawned, the oil ripples, Naomi (30 tons), Kathleen (20 tons) and Ariel (14 tons) might be seen lying in the bay, all astir with preparations for the starting. All three got away fairly well together at 6.37 a.m., with a steady breeze, which quickly changed to what is scripturally described as bloweth where it listeth, &c., &c., and playing ad hoc with the lighter sails. These were the circumstances under which the White Rock was driven past the *Naomi* passing just ahead of the *Ariel*, the *Kathleen* being somewhat astern.

From the White Rock the course was

a dead run, appointed by the *Naomi* and Minister Plenipotentiary of Portugal for China, Japan and Siam, appears in the Macao Government Bulletin of the 9th inst.

The South Australian Government have instructed Captain Madler, of H. M. S. *Flying Fish*, to report to the Imperial Government his views in reference to the proposed armament of the *Ara*.

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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN
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By the steamer *Taiwan*, which arrived here yesterday morning from Australian ports, we are in receipt of Exchanges containing the following telegrams:—

THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

London, Nov. 11.—The Colonial and Indian Exhibition was closed yesterday amidst great enthusiasm. The National Anthem was sung by a choir of 1,000 voices. The grounds of the Exhibition were specially illuminated in the evening. It is considered certain that the Exhibition will be re-opened in June next year on a grander scale. The total attendance at the Exhibition since it was opened, in May last, has been 5,500,000.

Mr Edward Stanhope, Secretary of State for the Colonies, considers that the proposed subscription from the colonies is too small. He will take the earliest opportunity of consulting Lord Randolph Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the subject. Mr Stanhope thinks that an advance of £100,000 ought to be made by the colonial Government to the administration of New Guinea, and this sum would relieve England of any further cost in respect to the establishment of British authority.

London, November 7.—Sir J. F. Garrow, Agent General for Queensland, having made further representation to the Imperial Government with regard to the sufficientness of New Guinea, has been informed that pressure of work has prevented definite action being taken up to the present. Mr Potter has denied that there have been refusals to enforce evictions in Ireland.

London, 8th November.—The Times announces the fact that the Lords of the Admiralty have decided to adopt the Brennan torpedo.

Sir Louis Mallet writes to the effect that New South Wales is the centre and hope of the free-trade policy of Australia, and he considers it would be a matter of deep regret should there be a serious reaction in favour of protection. Mr Potter expresses the hope that New South Wales will uphold her reputation.

London, 10th November.—A sculling match has been arranged to take place in America in July next between Edward Bauld and Joseph Teeser.

Her Majesty has instituted a naval and military order of merit, for which colonial officers will be eligible.

One of the principal features of the Lord Mayor's procession yesterday consisted of several cars typical of the Australian colonies.

London, 11th November.—The Hon. Sir James Jacob, Vice-Chancellor of the High Court of Justice, Clarendon Division, has received from the judicial bench.

A Russian spy has been placed under arrest at Vancouver Island for sketching the harbours of the territory.

A crew of which Edward Hanlan was the stroke, has won the Champion Four-oar Race on the Thames.

London, 13th November.—The final selection will be made on Wednesday next for the newly-founded Professorship of Biology in the Melbourne University.

The Bishop of Manchester (Dr Moorehouse) strongly opposing the movement in favour of free education in England.

The report which was current to the effect that the Tiechow claimant had been arrested in America on a charge of having impersonated an army pensioner proves to be without foundation.

London, 13th November.—The death is announced of Mr W. C. Marshall, R.A., the celebrated sculptor, at the age of 73.

London, 15th November.—Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey sail to-morrow in their yacht, the *Sunderland*, for a year's cruise in the Indian Ocean and on the coast of Australia.

Berlin, 18th November.—The Emperor William has been suffering from a severe cold, which confines him to his room.

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DISCOVERY OF A NEW GOLDFIELD IN
NORTHERN QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane, 14th November.—Christie Palmerston, who has arrived at Geraldton, reports having, in company with G. E. Clarke and W. Jones, discovered a goldfield 35 miles west of Geraldton, and 40 miles from Herberton. The prospects average 15dwt, to 1oz. of fine gold to the load of wash, accompanied with a little fine tin. The wash-dit is from one foot to 20 inches, and the sinking three to five feet. The lead has been traced for miles, but its continuity is broken by creeks. Palmerston brought from 300z. to 400z. of gold. The road is very bad, being all jungle. There is no mode of transit for diggers' requirements, and the railway question is about acting in.

London, 10th November.—Mr James Service, of Victoria, delivered an address at the Colonial Institute last night. He asserted that the French would not retire from the New Hebrides unless they were compelled to do so. If England desired the unity of the Empire, he added, she must defend her colonial interests. Mr Childers, who also spoke, said that a union on the basis of defence would command great acceptance in England, and he thought the Government was moving in that direction.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

London, 8th November.—Sir Graham Berry read a paper before the Colonial Institute to-night on "Colonial Relations."

He strongly favoured federation on the basis of the defence of the Empire. The Imperial foreign policy, he contended, must include the effective protection of colonial interests, and if this were the case the colonies would recognise with alacrity the necessity of sharing the expense of the defence of the Empire.

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London, Nov. 12.—The Times to-day publishes a leading article which refers to Sir Graham Berry's paper on "Imperial Federation," read before the Royal Colonial Institute. The Times says that Sir Graham Berry's claim to the effect that Australia should have a voice in the foreign policy of the Empire affords illustration of the obstacles in the way of federation, which, if thus favoured, would completely paralyse English diplomatic action.

BALON MACLAY'S COLONISATION
SCHME.

London, Nov. 4.—The Russian Government consider the proposals of M. Miklouho Maclay for a Russian colonisation of a portion of New Guinea as altogether impracticable.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF NEW GUINEA.

London, 5th November.—The Cabinet will consider the proposals of the colonial Governments in regard to the administration of affairs in New Guinea about the middle of the present month. The Secre-

Port, Durban, 16th Nov.—Hundreds of diggers are regularly leaving the Kimberley diggings. The schooner *Mizé* arrived from Cambridge Gulf on Thursday with 130 diggers, and the schooner *Bungaro* arrived yesterday with 90. All are disgusted with the field. There is positively no diggings at all, but good returns expected from the reefs. About 500 men will remain on the field through the wet season, and the ground will then be thoroughly tested.

MISCELLANEOUS.

London, 2nd November.—Cardinal Manning, the Right Rev. W. W. How, and Mr Spurgeon are urging upon the Government the necessity of opening up charity works for the relief of the unemployed during the coming winter.

Jacob Gaudaur offers to row Hanian and Beach.

London, 4th November.—It is announced that the retiring Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. John Staples, has been created a

Member of the Chinese Society.

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